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SUBJECT: APRIL 8 SOVIET PROTEST ON FRG REPRESENTATIVE

TO UN TNC COMMISSION

REF: BONN 6334; BONN 7319; STATE 79101

1. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS EMBASSY PREFERENCE FOR SHORTEST
POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO APRIL 8 SOVIET PROTEST. WE

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AGREE THAT THE FRG DRAFT RESPONSE COULD LEAD TO AN

UNPROFITABLE EXCHANGE WITH THE SOVIETS. IN OUR VIEW, AVOIDING SUCH AN EXCHANGE IS MORE IN THE WESTERN INTEREST THAN SENDING A POINT-BY-POINT REFUTATION OF SOVIET ARGUMENTS.

2. THOUGHT BEHIND US PROPOSAL FOR DEMARCHES ON WESTERN LEGAL POSITION (STATE 79101) WAS THAT GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE BERLIN QUESTION, EXCHANGES OF THE SORT WHICH COULD BE TOUCHED OFF BY THIS INCIDENT GENERALLY PLAY INTO SOVIET HANDS. WE AGREE FULLY WITH EMBASSY THAT SUCH EXCHANGES ARE NOT APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR ATTEMPTING TO DEMONSTRATE WESTERN LEGAL VIEWS. IN OUR VIEW, THE ONLY WAY WESTERN VIEW CAN BE IMPRESSED ON THIRD COUNTRIES IS THROUGH BALANCED DISCUSSION, OF THE TYPE WHICH WOULD BE CONTAINED IN OUR PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD BE CONDUCTED BILATERALLY, AND NOT THROUGH EXCHANGES OF NOTES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. SISCO

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